

REMARKS

Entry of the above second preliminary amendment before examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In this second preliminary amendment, Claims 13-31 are active. Claims 1-12 were cancelled by a first preliminary amendment. The present second preliminary amendment amends Claims 13 and 20, and adds new Claims 29-31.

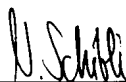
Applicants thank Examiner Nguyen for an interview granted to one of the inventors, Guillaume Largillier, and Applicants' representative Nikolaus P. Schibli, Ph.D., Reg. No. 56,994, for a personal interview on September 9, 2009.

New Claims 29-31 find non-limiting support in the disclosure as originally filed. For example, new independent Claim 29 finds support in Figure 3C, and at paragraphs [0067]-[0069]. Moreover, independent Claim 30 finds non-limiting support in Figures 3A to 3D, and in the specification at paragraphs [0045]-[0047], and [0067]-[0069]. Applicants have also submitted an additional Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by Examiner Nguyen.

Accordingly, an examination on the merits of Claims 13-31 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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